

Volunteer Connections



Get involved in your community by becoming a part of the City of Tempe Municipal Volunteer Program. Volunteers serve in city government offices, facilities, and programs. Volunteers work with city staff to expand and enhance the services offered to the community. You could serve at the Tempe Public Library, Tempe Historical and Petersen House Museums, or as a youth sports coach, member of the award-winning Crisis Response Team, mentor, and more.

You'll not only be serving your community, you'll be an active part of it! For information, call 480-350-5190.

Become a Museum Volunteer!

Either of the following free events is a good way to explore all that volunteers can do at the Tempe Historical Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Museum Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, September 18, 9 am

Volunteer Kick-off Breakfast

Tuesday, October 9, 9 am

Museum Docent Training

Tuesday, October 16 through Thursday, November 1

Learn local history, meet interesting people, and have fun as a museum docent! This 15-hour training class will prepare you to lead tours of the museum's exhibit hall and present information to visitors. To register, call 480-350-5190.

Be a Buddy Bowler!

Help a special-needs athlete! Volunteers are needed to serve as team captains and to assist bowlers in this special league. Games are played Saturday mornings at AMF Tempe Village Lanes, 4407 S. Rural Rd., September 8 - November 17. Call 480-350-5200 to sign up.

Youth Sports Coaches Needed

Love sports and kids? Why not coach a flag football or boys' baseball team this fall? No experience necessary; training provided. Games and practices are held weekday evenings and/or Saturdays. Contact Shane Isabell at 480-350-5222 or Bobbi Jones at 480-350-5267.

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

(see the Activities for Teens section on page 27 for more information.)

Service Groups Wanted!

The City of Tempe is looking for school and other service groups to help run its special events for the community. For a list of year-round opportunities, call 480-350-5190.

Citizens on Park Patrol

Pairs of volunteers walk their neighborhood parks to provide a presence and report problems while at the same time participating in Tempe's Walk Fit Program. You can earn incentive prizes while making our parks safer. For information, contact Jim McGeorge at 480-350-5298.

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Get involved in your community...volunteer for the City of Tempe!

Volunteer at the Pyle Adult Center

Tuesdays, 9 am, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27

Find out what goes on at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center and how you can get involved by attending a New Member Coffee. For adults age 50+.

Home-Delivered Meals Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours to spare during the week? Do people tell you you're compassionate and caring? The Escalante and Concord Senior Centers in Tempe are looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound citizens of Tempe and south Scottsdale. Delivery times are Monday through Friday between 10 am and 12:30 pm. Deliver alone or with a partner using your own vehicle - mileage reimbursement is available. Scheduling is flexible - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly schedules. For more information on how you can help, call 480-350-5870 or 480-990-1875.



Pictured are Dustin Stapp and Beverly Byington who were selected to be the City of Tempe's Youth Volunteer and Adult Volunteer of the Year for 2001.

Tempe Citizens on Park Patrol

Citizens working together with Tempe Parks and Recreation, the Police Department, and Field Services can make a difference in helping their Tempe parks and themselves!

The Citizens on Park Patrol is a trained group of volunteer residents organized to increase safety in our City parks. They walk their neighborhood parks to provide a presence and report incidents and problems, while at the same time participating in a Parks and Recreation wellness/fitness program! They are non-confrontational and coordinate with Parks and Recreation and Police.

The benefits of joining Citizens on Park Patrol are:

- Providing a visible presence in City parks.
 - Reporting suspicious or illegal activities in City parks.
 - Reporting maintenance issues.
 - Increasing wellness and fitness by walking.
 - Improving the quality of life in neighborhoods.
- Citizens on Park Patrol walk in groups of two or more and carry a cellular phone. Tempe Parks and Recreation will provide incentive awards as wellness/fitness goals are achieved. *Note: It is best to sign up with a walking partner.*

THE STEPS FOR JOINING CITIZENS ON PARK PATROL ARE:

- 1** Submit a Citizens on Park Patrol application to Tempe Parks and Recreation.
- 2** The Tempe Police Department will conduct a limited background check.
- 3** Complete initial training and a ride-along. Note that Citizens on Park Patrol are not Police Officers and they have no powers of arrest beyond that of a private citizen. They are trained for observation purposes only.
- 4** Sign a Citizens on Park Patrol Volunteer Agreement.

Once initial training is completed, you decide the amount of time that you wish to participate. At least two volunteers must be willing to participate before the program can be initiated at a City park.

Remember that the ultimate goals are to reduce crime in our City parks and to increase your wellness/fitness. Both goals require constant attention.

Call Tempe Parks and Recreation at (480) 350-5200 for an application.